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to otarazi

Thank you for your email.

dmd1130

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to hwg0926

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to dmd1130

got it....thanks..I will be in touch tomorrow....Hugh

On Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 5:18 PM Denise D'Angelo-Steele <dmd1130@swcsd.us> wrote:

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to bill.wise

Bill, I know we talked earlier about these items....but I really think that these items need to be put on the agenda so the other board members can vote on them. I don't want it to be me pushing something on them that they might not agree with. Give me your thoughts.

Thanks, Chris

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From: Chris Boso <cab0722@swcsd.us>

Date: Fri, Jan 19, 2024 at 1:45 PM

Subject: Omar's Contact Info

To: Bill Wise <bill.wise@swcsd.us>, Hugh Garside <hwg0926@swcsd.us>

Here is Omar Tarazi's number if you would like to talk with him before Monday.
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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF
EDUCATION AND TARAZI LAW FOR SERVICES AS SCHOOL ATTORNEY**

1/17/2024

South-Western City Schools Board of Education
3805 Marlane Drive
Grove City, Ohio 43123

Re: Proposal Appointment of School Attorney

Dear Board President:

As a brief introduction to myself, I am attorney with almost 16 years of litigation experience in both Federal and State Courts. I just finished serving in an elected capacity as Hilliard City Council President, and am beginning a new elected term as Fiscal Officer for Norwich Township. As an attorney, I represent four schools as general counsel, including providing for their litigation, contracting, board policies, and employment legal matters and perform similar services for many non-profit organizations.

- 1- Our firm's proposal is to perform the following legal services for the district:
 - a. Attend Board meetings and provide direction, and advice on procedures and board policy options to the Board.
 - b. Review all existing legal cases and legal services provided to the district and provide a report with any recommendations to the Board.
 - c. Research and respond to legal inquiries from Board members and the Administration. Responses to legal questions from individual Board members will be shared with the entire Board.
 - d. Provide additional legal services as may be assigned by the Board or requested by the Administration.
- 2- Special Counsel: The School Attorney may utilize the services of other attorneys both within his firm and outside his firm as Assistant School Attorneys, or Special Counsel with either the Treasurer or the Board's prior approval as to individual cases, attorneys and fee arrangements.
- 3- As Compensation for our services, the district will be billed monthly with a fully itemized statement for legal fees and professional services of no less than \$190 per hour and no more than \$300 per hour depending upon the level of skill and experience of the individual in our office handling the task. Litigation, reviewing and prosecuting all pending legal cases directly or through partners and associate firms shall be at a litigation rate or flat fee as pre-approved by the Treasurer or the Board. All litigation costs, expenses, and expert fees shall be paid by the district. However, any such costs that are more than a nominal amount will be pre-approved in writing.
- 4- The School Attorney and partners and employees of the Firm are independent contractors, not employees of the district.

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We would be happy to meet and discuss the above proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Omar Tarazi", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

I have read the Proposal for School Attorney services and hereby authorize Omar Tarazi and Tarazi Law, its successors, partners, associates and employees to proceed as described therein for 2024.

Date

Hugh Garside, Treasurer
South-Western City Schools

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